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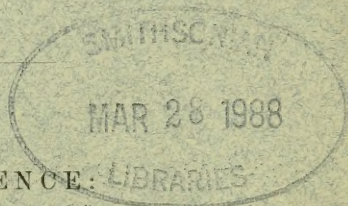
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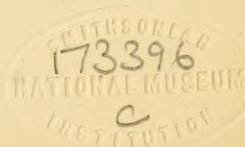
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RESOLUTION

INSTRUCTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PREPARE A MANUAL FOR
THE USE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF INLAND FISHERIES.

(Passed April 12, 1878.)

Resolved, (The honorable senate concurring herein,) that the secretary of state be instructed to prepare for the use of the commissioners of inland fisheries a manual containing the laws of the state now in force relating to inland fisheries, and the report of the said commissioners to this general assembly, and that he cause five hundred copies thereof to be printed.

A true copy,

WITNESS:

J. M. ADDEMAN,

Secretary of State.



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REPORT.

To the Honorable General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, at its January Session, 1878:

The Commissioners of Inland Fisheries submit their eighth annual report.

The hatching-house and all its appurtenances at Ponegansett are in excellent condition. Owing to the failure of our springs last fall, 1877, we did not think it best to attempt the hatching of the California salmon eggs offered us by Prof. Baird, as failure would have been assured and the eggs wasted, so that the past year we have done nothing with salmon.

Our plan has been to watch as carefully as possible for the appearance of salmon in the streams stocked by us the previous years. The presence of dams in large numbers on the various streams, and the presence of innumerable traps and pounds in the bay, made the return of the fish to the upper waters an impossibility, and their reaching even the mouth of the streams a problem.

When the present Commissioners first assumed office these facts were fully thought of, and the question whether any attempt had better be made without first causing fishways to be put over all the dams was agitated.

The expense of this would have been very large, and the opposition would have been great, and much litigation would have ensued in consequence, and still, unless the obstacles were removed, and traps and pounds abolished, success would have been more than doubtful.

To hatch and place the young salmon in the streams was not much trouble, and small expense; the only thing else to be done was to renew the supply from year to year and watch for results, with all the obstacles against them that it is possible to conceive of.

This has been done, and we have to report that a good many salmon have been taken in the past two years that we have record of, and, no doubt, many more unreported.

The largest weighed ten pounds, and was taken at the foot of the falls, at Pawtucket, last June. Smaller ones were taken in the Pawtuxet, between the first dam and Pontiac, and a number near Westerly, below the first dam, on the Pawcatuck; none larger than two and one-half pounds.

These facts prove conclusively that there is nothing in the impurities of the waters to prevent success.

In spite of all obstacles, the ten-pound fish must have lived three or four years and gone down to and back from the ocean at least once, and with obstacles removed nothing seems to reason against a fair per cent. of fish doing likewise.

So that we think it fair grounds to assume that, with the abolishment of pound-nets and the erection of fishways over all dams, salmon can be brought once more to be a Rhode Island fish with certainty.

The Commissioners having worked out this problem to their own satisfaction, and they hope to all fair minds, it remains for the people to decide whether or no these things will be done.

SHAD.

Last year we put one hundred thousand young shad in the Blackstone, Warren and Barrington rivers. We failed to get any for the Pawtuxet on account of the falling of the water in the Connecticut, which put a stop to the hatching; and we should have left the Pawcatuck out in the cold anyhow, on account of the very numerous heart-seines, traps and pounds within four miles of the mouth of that river at Westerly, at least thirty in number, most of them with a half-inch mesh. It is a waste of time to try to do anything under such circumstances. In our own bay shad operations have been a success.

BLACK BASS.

As before reported, black bass are a complete success, and all, or nearly all, of the waters in the State suitable for them are now stocked with them. Certain parties profess to regret this fact and to wish for the good old times when nothing but the all-devouring and worthless pickerel was the only fish to be taken. We can only say "such men are dangerous" and partake, we fear, of the nature of the fish whose praise they sing.

LAND-LOCKED SALMON.

We received from Mr. Atkins, of Maine, through Prof. Baird, ten thousand eggs in February and hatched them with very small loss, and they are now about ready to distribute.

In conclusion, the Commissioners respectfully recommend the passage of the act amending Sections 29 and 31 of Chapter 134 of the General Statutes, now in the hands of the Committee on Fisheries of the Senate.

We close our report for the year with our cash account annexed.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND IN ACCOUNT WITH COMMISSIONERS ON INLAND FISHERIES.

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JOHN H. BARDEN,
ALFRED A. REED, JR.,
NEWTON DEXTER.

PROVIDENCE, April 9, 1878.

APPENDIX.

LAWS RELATING TO INLAND FISHERIES IN RHODE ISLAND, IN FORCE APRIL, 1878.

GENERAL STATUTES.

CHAPTER 134.

OF CERTAIN FISHERIES.

SECTION 1. Every person who shall set or draw any seine in any part of the river running from Warren River through the town of Barrington to the dividing line between the town of Barrington and the town of Rehoboth shall forfeit twenty dollars.

SEC. 2. Every person who shall set or draw any seine or net in Easton's Pond in Newport and Middletown for the purpose of catching fish, or shall set any such net or seine in the creeks or inlets of said pond above the bridge at Easton's Beach shall be fined twenty dollars or be imprisoned ten days.

SEC. 3. If any person shall set or draw any seine or net in Kickamuit River within half a mile from the place called the Narrows he shall forfeit fifteen dollars.

SEC. 4. If any person shall erect or make any weir, pot, or other contrivance to obstruct the course of fish across Puncatest, alias Nom-

quit Pond, or any part thereof, or in any river or stream leading into or out of said pond at any time, he shall forfeit ten dollars.

SEC. 5. If any person shall set any hanging or mesh net in Puncatuck, alias Nomquit Pond, or in any river leading into or out of said pond from the first day of January to the first day of August in every year, he shall forfeit ten dollars.

SEC. 6. If any person shall erect or continue in Palmer's River above Kelly's Bridge any weir, dam or other obstruction to prevent the free passage of fish up said river, he shall forfeit fifteen dollars for the first offence and ten dollars for every twenty-four hours any such weir, or dam, or other obstruction, shall be continued after the first twenty-four hours.

SEC. 7. If any person not at the time an inhabitant of this state shall set or draw any seine or net in Palmer's River above Kelly's Bridge on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of each week, or if any person shall set or draw any seine or net in said river above said bridge on Sunday or between the setting and rising of the sun on any day, he shall forfeit for each offence fifteen dollars.

SEC. 8. If any person not at the time an inhabitant of this state shall set or keep, or cause to be kept or set within any of the waters or upon or within three miles of any shore of this state, more than two pots or nets for the catching of lobsters at any one time he shall forfeit twenty dollars for each offence.

SEC. 9. If any person shall lift or raise any pot or net, set for the catching of lobsters, without the permission of the owner thereof he shall forfeit ten dollars.

SEC. 10. The electors of the town of New Shoreham may in town meeting, called for that purpose, enact such ordinances as they may think proper, to protect and regulate the taking of shell and other fish in Great Salt Pond, and may impose penalties therefor not exceeding twenty dollars fine and three months' imprisonment for any one offence.

SEC. 11. The electors of the town of Tiverton may in town meeting, called for that purpose, make such regulations for the preservation of the fish, and may exercise such control over the fisheries of Nomquit Pond within the limits of said town, as they may think proper.

SEC. 12. No person shall, between the first Monday in October and the first Monday in January, erect any weir or draw any seine or net for the purpose of catching or obstructing the passage of fish at or within one hundred and sixty rods of the mouth of Petaquamscut River in South Kingstown; nor shall any person erect or put down any weir, standing seine, or trap seine, or hoop net of any kind either within or across said river at any other season of the year.

SEC. 13. Nothing in the next preceding section shall be construed to prohibit any person from using nets or fishing crafts for the catching of smelts; such as are commonly used in the smelt fishery between the first day of February and the first day of April in every year, or to prohibit the setting of gill nets for bass in said river or pond; provided, that such nets shall not exceed twenty fathoms in length, nor be set within twenty fathoms of each other; nor south of the dividing line between the lands of William G. Watson and George W. Crandall; nor within twenty rods of the narrows that connect the upper and lower ponds; nor shall any person maintain any such standing seine or net in the same place for more than twenty-four hours, if any other person demands the same place for the purpose of setting a like net or drawing a seine therein.

SEC. 14. Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of the next preceding two sections shall be fined not less than twenty dollars or more than fifty dollars for each offence, and shall forfeit the net, seine, boat and other apparatus by him used in such violation.

SEC. 15. Every person who shall set any trap, net, or draw any seine at any time west of a straight line drawn from Quanset Point on the north side of Wickford harbor to Room's Point on the south side of said harbor, shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars; one-half thereof to the use of the complainant, and the other half to the use of the state. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to prevent surface, bag or purse seine fishing for catching menhaden.

SEC. 16. Every person who shall set any trap, net, or draw any seine at any time west of a line drawn from Calf Pasture Point on the north side of Allen's harbor to Rocky Point on the south side thereof,

or west of a line drawn from Pojack Point on the south side of Potawamut River to Marsh Point on the north side thereof, shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars; one-half to the use of the complainant and the other half to the use of the state.

SEC. 17. No person shall from the fifteenth day of April to the fifteenth day of June, inclusive of both days, in every year, or from the fifteenth day of August to the fifteenth day of December, inclusive of both days in every year, commencing at the rising of the sun on both days, erect any weir, or set or draw any seine or net for obstructing, catching or hauling of fish, within half a mile east from Point Judith ponds' breach, meaning the breach for the time being into the sea, or within a point on the west side of said breach, four rods distant from Joseph Champlin's fish house (so-called), or within said breach, or within any channel leading to said ponds, or any branch thereof from the sea, or within a quarter of a mile of the entrance of such channel into said ponds or branches of said ponds; and when the fifteenth day of December happens on Sunday this prohibition shall continue to the rising of the sun on the next succeeding day.

SEC. 18. No weir shall be erected, nor any standing seine or net set across the channel, nor in Point Judith ponds within a quarter of a mile from the following places, viz.: Alder Point near where Saukatucket River flows into the said ponds; Prince's Narrows, which connect the upper with the lower ponds; Strawberry Hill on Great Island; High Point (so-called), on land of the heirs of Joseph Sherman, and Gooseberry Hole.

SEC. 19. No person shall, between the first Monday in April and the second Monday in June in every year, commencing at the rising of the sun and ending at the setting thereof, erect any weir or net, or draw any seine or net for the purpose of catching or obstructing the passage of fish, in any part of Point Judith Pond south of a line drawn from the most northerly point of Strawberry Hill, on Great Island, to the most northerly point of High Point in said pond.

SEC. 20. No person shall erect any weir or set or draw any seine or net for the obstructing, catching or hauling of fish within any part of said ponds, or any branch thereof, at any time from the fifteenth day

of August to the fifteenth day of December in every year, commencing and ending at the rising of the sun on both of said days.

SEC. 21. No seine or net of any sort shall be used at any time within said ponds or any branch thereof, of over one hundred fathoms long, nor any standing seine or net of over twenty-five fathoms in length.

SEC. 22. No person shall set any standing seine or net at any time within forty rods of any place within said ponds or any branch thereof, where another person may have already set his standing seine or net; nor shall any person maintain any such standing seine or net in the same place for more than forty-eight hours if any other person desires to occupy the place.

SEC. 23. Every person violating any provision of the six sections next preceding shall be fined not less than twenty dollars nor more than fifty dollars, and shall also forfeit the boat, seine, net and other apparatus by him used in such violation; one-half of said fine and forfeiture to and for the use of the person so complaining, and the other half to and for the use of the state.

SEC. 24. Every person living without the state who shall take any lobsters, tautog, bass or other fish within the harbors, rivers or waters of this state, for the purpose of carrying them from thence in vessels or smacks, shall be fined ten dollars for every offence and shall forfeit all the fish or lobsters so taken.

SEC. 25. Every person who shall take any fish in any stream or fresh pond, except upon his own land, in any other way than by hook and line, or who shall take or carry away any fish from any private pond, brook, stream, preserve, or any other place made, constructed or used for the purpose of breeding or growing fish therein, without the consent of the proprietor or lessee of such pond, brook, stream or preserve, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the taking of any fish from any pond or stream stocked at the expense of the state.

SEC. 26. (As amended by chapter 495, passed June 15, 1875; chap-

ter 540, passed April 19, 1876; and chapter 678, passed April 12, 1878.) Every person who shall take any trout between the fifteenth day of August and the first day of March in each year, shall forfeit twenty dollars for each offence.

SEC. 27. All actions for violations of the provisions of the preceding two sections shall be commenced within thirty days after the commission of the offence, and not afterwards.

SEC. 28. If any person shall by any seine or stop net, or otherwise obstruct the channel leading from the sea into Ward's Pond and up through said pond on each side of Watermelon, Gooseberry or Larkin's islands, he shall forfeit not less than five nor more than twenty dollars.

SEC. 29. (As amended by chapter 677, passed April 12, 1878.) Every person who shall erect any dam, weir, or other obstruction across Mill Cove in Warwick, or from the mouth of said cove to the pond of fresh water that runs into said cove, or such streams as run into said pond, or who shall keep up any dam, or weir, or other obstruction therein made, and any owner or occupant of lands adjoining said Mill Cove or the stream leading from said pond into said cove, who shall permit any such obstruction to be erected or continued in or upon said cove or stream, whether done, erected, or continued by himself, or other persons, adjacent to his land, at any time between the first day of March and the first day of November in any year, shall forfeit one hundred dollars for each offence.

SEC. 30. Every person who shall fish in said cove, except with a hook and line, on Saturday or Sunday, or who shall catch or hinder any alewives coming down said Mill Cove or said stream, or shall therein at any time set any weir or device to prevent the passage of the fish, shall forfeit ten dollars for each offence.

SEC. 31. (As amended by chapter 677, passed April 12, 1878.) Every person who shall set or draw any seine or net in said Mill Cove, or off from the mouth thereof to Long Meadow Rocks, or from the mouth thereof to the pond of fresh water which empties into said cove, between the first day of March and the fifteenth day of June, in any year, or who shall take any alewives from said pond, or streams

flowing into said pond, between the first day of March and the first day of November, in any year, shall for each offence forfeit one hundred dollars, and the boats, seines and other apparatus used in the commission thereof; provided, however, that nothing in said chapter shall be construed to prohibit any person from fishing for alewives in said cove or stream running from said pond into said cove, with a bowed net not larger than twelve feet around the mouth of said net, on days other than those excepted in section 30 of chapter 134.

SEC. 32. All forfeitures under this chapter shall, where there is no other provision made to the contrary, enure one-half thereof to the use of the town where the offence shall be committed, and the other half to the use of the person suing for the same.

CHAPTER 135.

OF THE FISHERY IN PAWCATUCK RIVER.

SECTION 1. No weir or pound or other obstruction shall be erected or continued in the channel of Pawcatuck River dividing the states of Rhode Island and Connecticut, so as to interfere with the main channel of said river, upon penalty of twenty dollars for the first offence, and seven dollars for every twenty-four hours, or any less space of time, any such weir or other obstruction shall be continued in the main channel of said river after the first offence.

SEC. 2. No weir or pound shall be erected or continued upon any flat, or other part of the bottom of said river, eastward or westward of the aforesaid channel of said river, between the first day of June and the twentieth day of March, annually, upon penalty of fourteen dollars for the first offence and seven dollars for every succeeding day such weir or pound shall be continued in said river, from the first day of June to the twentieth day of March, annually.

SEC. 3. No person shall fish with mesh or scoop nets in Pawcatuck River or any of its branches, after sunset on Friday until sunrise on Monday in each week, from the twentieth day of March to the first day of June, annually; and no person shall use more than one net at a time, upon penalty of five dollars for every offence.

SEC. 4. All penalties incurred for violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall enure, one-half thereof to the complainant, and the other half to the town where the offence is committed.

SEC. 5. The foregoing provisions of this chapter shall be considered as forming a compact with the state of Connecticut, from which this general assembly will not depart until the legislature of the state of Connecticut shall agree with the legislature of this state to a repeal thereof, alterations therein or additions thereto.

SEC. 6. If any owner of land adjoining Pawcatuck River in this state shall permit any weir, pound or other obstruction to be erected or continued upon any flat or bottom of said river, whether done, erected or continued by himself, servant, lessee, or any other person by his privity or consent, such owner shall be liable for any such breach or violation of the second section of this chapter in the same manner as though the same had been committed by such owner in person.

CHAPTER 137.

OF THE INLAND FISHERIES.

SECTION 1. The governor shall appoint three commissioners, to be known as the commissioners of inland fisheries, who shall hold their offices for three years and until their successors are appointed.

SEC. 2. The commissioners of inland fisheries shall introduce, protect and cultivate fish in the inland waters of the state, and may make all needful regulations for the protection of such fish and shall prosecute for the violation of such regulations. They may coöperate with the fish commissioners of other states, and they shall make an annual report to the general assembly of their doings with such facts and suggestions in relation to the object for which they were appointed as they may deem proper.

SEC. 3. The said commissioners shall cause a copy of their regulations to be filed in the office of the town clerk of any town in which any waters stocked with fish under the authority of the preceding section of this chapter may be, and to which such regulations may apply, and shall also cause a copy of such regulations to be advertised in some newspaper published in the same county.

SEC. 4. Every person who shall violate any of the regulations made by the commissioners of inland fisheries under the authority of the provisions of the preceding sections of this chapter, or who shall take any fish, fish-spawn or any apparatus used in hatching or protecting fish, from any pond, lake, river or stream, stocked with, or set apart by said commissioners or by private parties for the protection and cultivation of fish, with the consent of the town council of the town where such cultivation is carried on, without the consent of such commissioners, or, if the cultivation of fish be carried on by a private party, without the consent of the person cultivating the same, shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding six months, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court before which the offender shall be tried.

SEC. 5. Every person who catches any fish or uses any seine for catching fish, within one-half a mile from the mouth or outlet of any fishery set apart as is herein provided, and within any waters into which the waters of such fishery are let out, shall forfeit for the first offence the sum of fifty dollars and for every subsequent offence shall forfeit one hundred dollars, and in addition to the penalties herein provided, shall forfeit all the apparatus by him used in violating the provisions of this section.

SEC. 6. Each of the commissioners of inland fisheries may, personally or by deputy, seize and remove summarily, if need be, all obstructions erected to hinder the passage of migrating fish, or which are illegally erected to obstruct or in any way to impede the growth and culture of fish.

SEC. 7. The prohibition to the catching of fish by hook and line from fisheries stocked as is hereinbefore provided, shall extend and be continued for, and during, the term of three years from and after the time when such fishery was first established. [Amended. See chapter 282, section 2, page 17, *infra*.]

SEC. 8. One-half of the penalties recovered for violation of the provisions of this chapter shall accrue to the complainant and the other half thereof to the state.

SEC. 9. The commissioners of inland fisheries may take fish from the fisheries hereinbefore referred to for any purpose connected with fish culture, or for scientific observation. [See section 6, chapter 282, page 18, *infra*.]

SEC. 10. Each of said commissioners may, in the discharge of his duties, enter upon and pass through or over private property without rendering himself liable in an action of trespass.

SEC. 11. The commissioners of inland fisheries shall be allowed their actual disbursements made in carrying into effect the provisions of this chapter.

CHAPTER 138.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF FISHERIES.

SECTION 1. Every person who shall throw into, or deposit in, or cause to be thrown into or to be deposited in any of the public tide-waters of this state or upon the shores of any such tidewaters, any fish offal, or any water impregnated with fish, and every person who shall cause any deleterious substance resulting from the smelting or manufacture of copper, or from other manufactures, or from other sources, which is destructive to fish, or which repels them from coming into the said public waters, or which shall do anything which tends to drive them therefrom, to be emptied, deposited or run into the said public waters, shall forfeit one hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. Every vessel, craft, boat or floating apparatus of any kind whatever, employed in the procuring of fish oil, or in the dressing of bait for the mackerel fisheries, or the dressing of fish for other purposes, in violation of this chapter, shall be liable for any forfeiture and costs resulting from prosecution hereunder, and the same may be attached on the original writ and held as other personal property attached may be held, to secure any judgment which may be recovered in any action brought to enforce any such forfeiture, and any person upon view of any offence in violation of this chapter, may seize and detain any vessel, craft, boat or floating apparatus, the same to be attached for a period not exceeding six hours.

SEC. 3. . Every person who shall boil any menhaden fish, or press any such fish for the purpose of extracting oil therefrom, on board of any vessel on any of the public tidewaters, shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars.

CHAPTER 281.

An Act in amendment of Chapter 134 of the General Statutes, "Of certain Fisheries."

(Passed March 12, 1873.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. No person, not a member of the Narragansett tribe of Indians, shall, without the consent of the council of said tribe being first obtained, erect any weir or set or draw any seine or net for the obstructing, catching or hauling of fish, or take any fish with hook and line or in any other manner, in the ponds or other waters within the bounds of the land belonging to said tribe.

SEC. 2. Every person violating the preceding section shall forfeit not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for each offence, to be recovered on complaint made by the commissioner of the Indian tribe, for the benefit of said tribe.

CHAPTER 282.

An Act in amendment of, and in addition to Chapter 137, Title XVIII., of the General Statutes, "Of the Inland Fisheries."

(Passed March 11, 1873.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. No person shall take or catch fish of any kind from any of the inland waters of this state set apart by the commissioners

of inland fisheries thereof for the cultivation of fish except at such times and in such manner as is hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Section 7 of said chapter 137 of the General Statutes of this state is so far amended as to allow the catching of fish through the ice only and with hook and hand line only, in those ponds set apart for the cultivation of black bass during the months of December, January and February of each and every year from the passage of this act, until the expiration of the three years mentioned in section 7 of said chapter.

SEC. 3. (As amended by chapter 539, passed April 19, 1876.) After the expiration of said three years, no black bass shall be taken in any waters of this state, from the first day of March to the fifteenth day of July, and only by hook and line as aforesaid.

SEC. 4. After the expiration of said three years, no fish shall be taken by any person from any waters legally set apart by said commissioners for the cultivation of shad or salmon, or within one mile of the outlet of the streams so set apart except from and after the fifteenth day of April until the fifteenth day of July of each and every year, nor at any time except by hook and hand line, or by not less than three inch mesh nets or seine or seines.

SEC. 5. No person shall take any fish from any of the waters of this state legally set apart for the cultivation of fish during the times allowed to be taken by this act except on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during said term, except the months of December, January and February.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this act shall prevent the commissioners of inland fisheries from taking fish from any of said waters as is now permitted by section 9 of chapter 137 of the General Statutes.

SEC. 7. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be subject to the penalties for catching fish as imposed by section 5 of said chapter 137, of which this act is an amendment.

SEC. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect immediately on and after its passage.

CHAPTER 598.

*An Act in amendment of Chapter 282 of the Public Laws, entitled
“An Act in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 137, Title
XVIII. of the General Statutes, ‘Of Inland Fisheries.’”*

(Passed March 22, 1877.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Sneach Pond, in the town of Cumberland, is hereby exempted from the operation of chapter 539, “Of inland fisheries.”

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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